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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

AHLEM ET AL.

Examiner

Elli Peselev

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 November 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 83-99 and 113-119 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 83-99 and 113-119 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____

Claims 83-99 and 113-117 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement for the reasons set forth in the Office Action of May 14, 2004.

Applicant's arguments filed November 15, 2004 have been considered but have not been found persuasive.

The declaration filed by applicant has been considered but has not been found persuasive.

The declaration states that in the first protocol HE2200 was administered to healthy adults and elderly volunteers, in the second protocol HE2200 was administered to 71 dyslipidemic patients.

The declaration further states that in the second protocol HE2200 was not effective while in the first protocol it was effective. It is clear from said declaration that the compound tested is effective in lowering lipids and cholesterol in healthy patients while it is not effective in lowering lipids and cholesterol in dyslipidemic patients. Since the instant claims are directed to lowering lipids and cholesterol in a subject having the condition, there is a good reason to doubt the effectiveness of the claimed methods. Further, as discussed in the previous Office Action, the instant claims encompass compounds having structural formulas significantly different from the tested compound such as compounds substituted by oligosaccharides, nucleotides and polymers. In view of the high unpredictability of the effectiveness of pharmaceuticals, there is a good reason to suppose that a compound substituted by two hydrogen atoms will have similar activity to a compound substituted by a nucleotide and an oligosaccharide. It would

take an undue amount of experimentation to determine which specific compounds encompassed by the instant claims possess the desired activity.

Claims 118-119 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Dowell et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,859,000).

Dowell et al disclose the claimed compositions (columns 8-13).

Claims 118-119 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over applicant's admittance on page 2 of the specification.

Applicant admits on page 2 of the specification that compounds encompassed by the instant claims were known in the art at the time the instant invention was made. Claim to a composition containing old chemical compound and solvent for compound is not patentable limitation. The effective ingredient, chemical compound is still old and that it is carried by a solvent or diluent does not change the effective character of the compound.

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any

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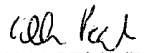
extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Elli Peselev whose telephone number is (571) 272-0659. The examiner can normally be reached on 9.00-5.30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Wilson can be reached on (571) 272-0661. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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